

Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

Solver-Aided Programming I

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Topics

What is this course about?

Course logistics

Getting started with solver-aided programming!

about

Tools for building better software, more easily

**more reliable,
efficient, secure**

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“solver-aided tools”

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biology

systems

security

education

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hardware

networking

databases

low-power computing

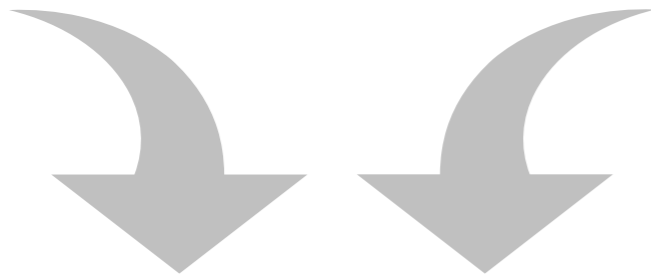
high-performance computing

Logistics

Topics, structure, people

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program question



tool

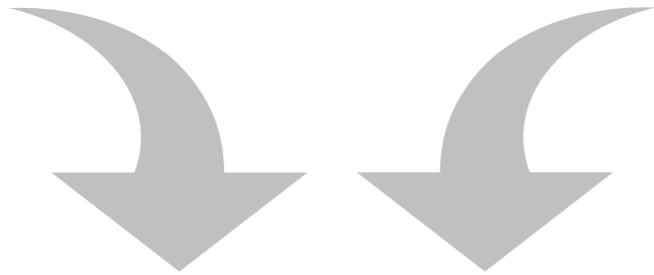
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**automated
reasoning
engine**

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synthesizer,
fault localizer**

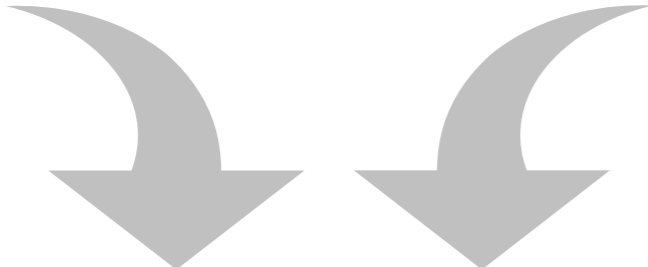
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**SAT, SMT,
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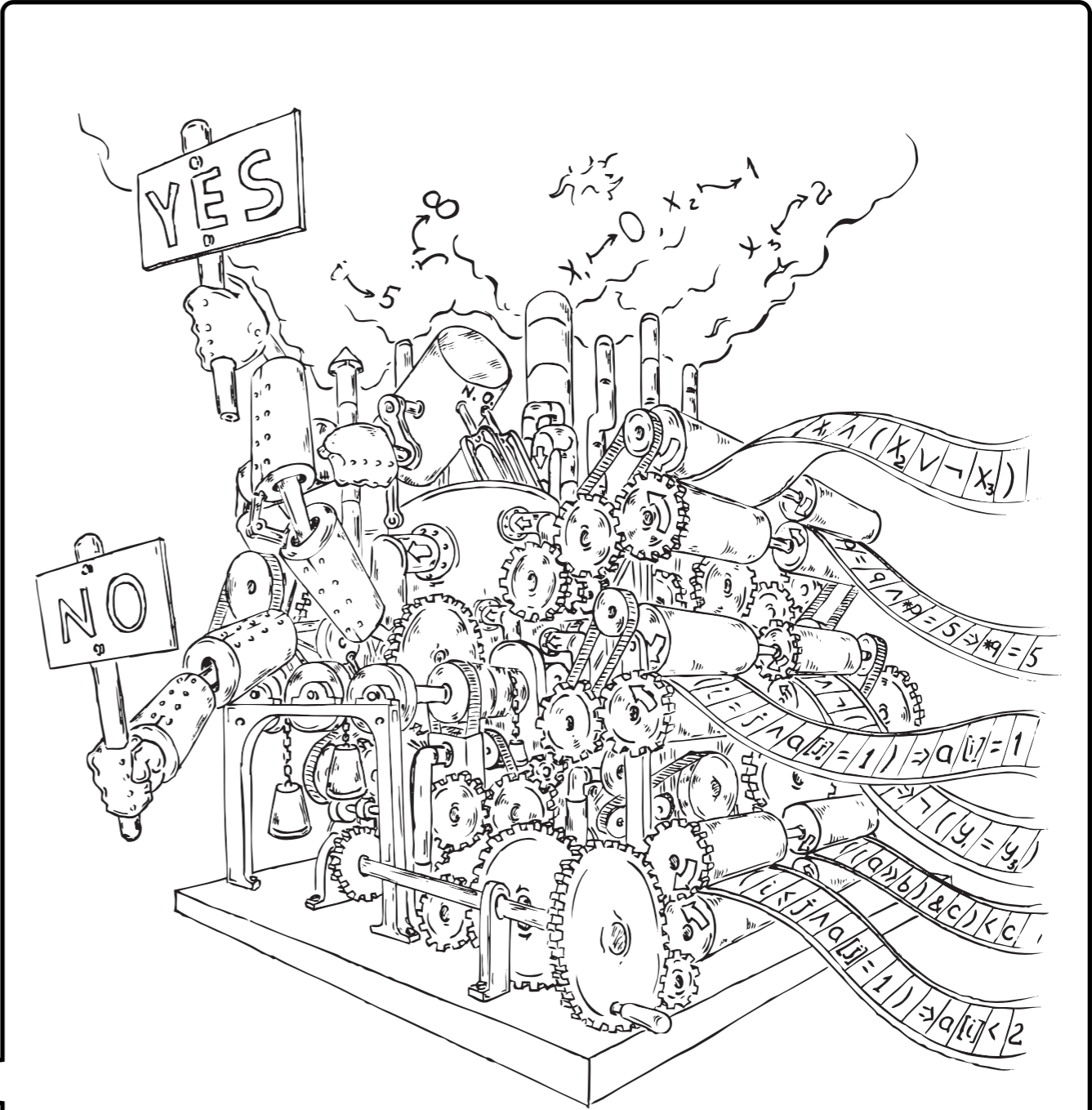


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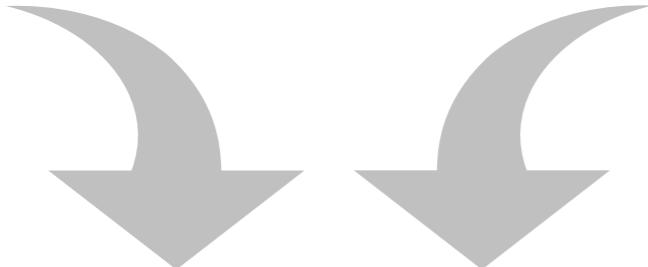
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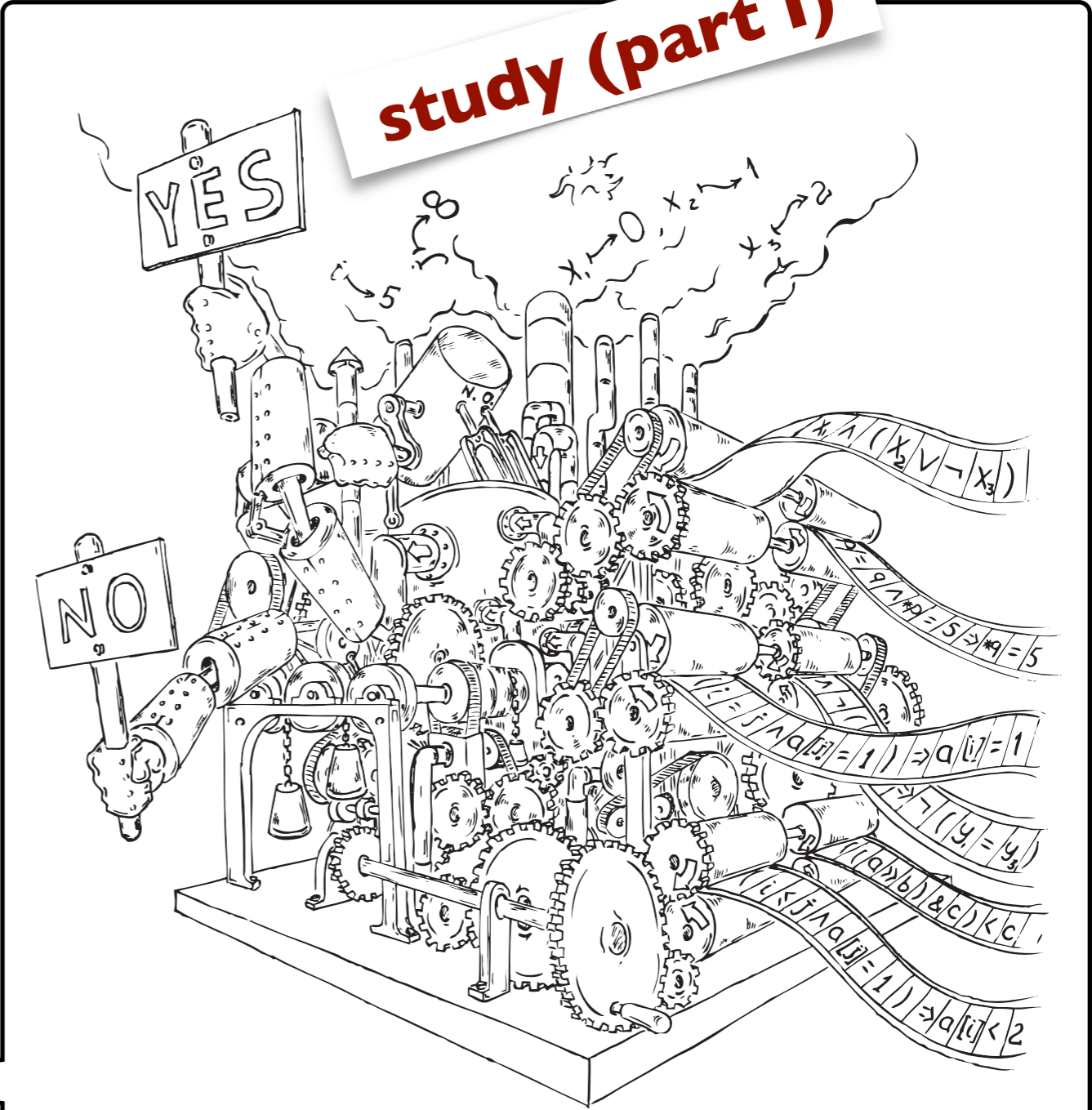


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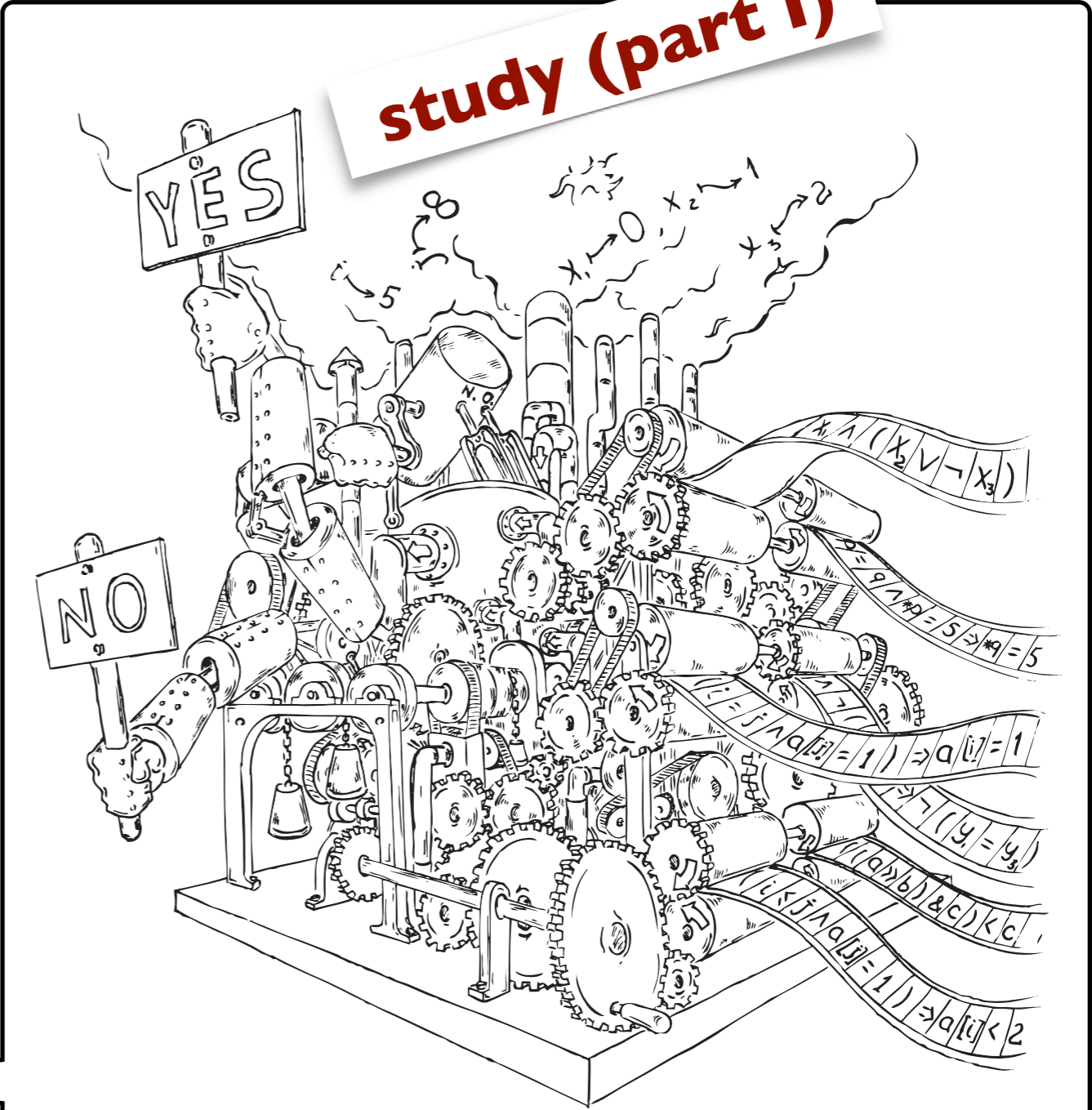
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Grading

3 individual homework assignments (75%)

- conceptual problems & proofs (TeX)
- implementations (Racket)
- completed on your own (may discuss HWs with course staff only)

study (part I)

Course project (25%)

- build a computer-aided reasoning tool for a domain of your choice
- teams of 2-3 people
- see the course web page for timeline, deliverables and other details

**build!
(part II)**

Reading and references

Recommended readings posted on the course web page

- Complete each reading before the lecture for which it is assigned
- If multiple papers are listed, only the first is required reading

Recommended text books

- Bradley & Manna, [The Calculus of Computation](#)
- Kroening & Strichman, [Decision Procedures](#)

Advice for doing well in 507

Come to class (prepared)

- Lecture slides are enough to teach from, but not enough to learn from

Participate

- Ask and answer questions

Meet deadlines

- Turn homework in on time
- Start homework and project sooner than you think you need to
- Follow instructions for submitting code (we have to be able to run it)
- No proof should be longer than a page (most are ~1 paragraph)

People



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students!

Your name
Research area



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(1) getting started and (2) going pro**

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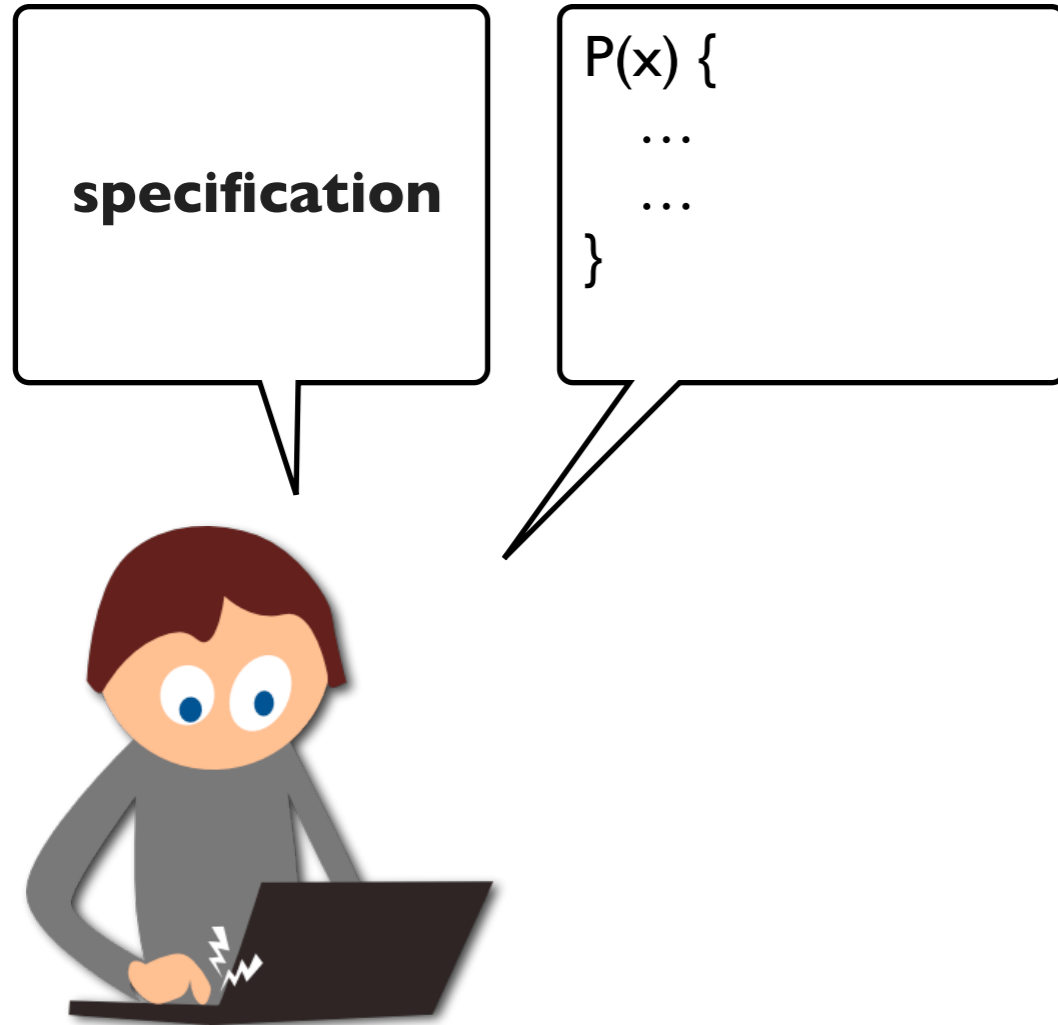
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Classic programming: from spec to code



Classic programming: check code against spec

**check the
specification
on concrete
inputs**

```
P(x) {  
  ...  
  ...  
}  
assert safe(2, P(2))
```



Solver-aided programming: add *symbolic values*

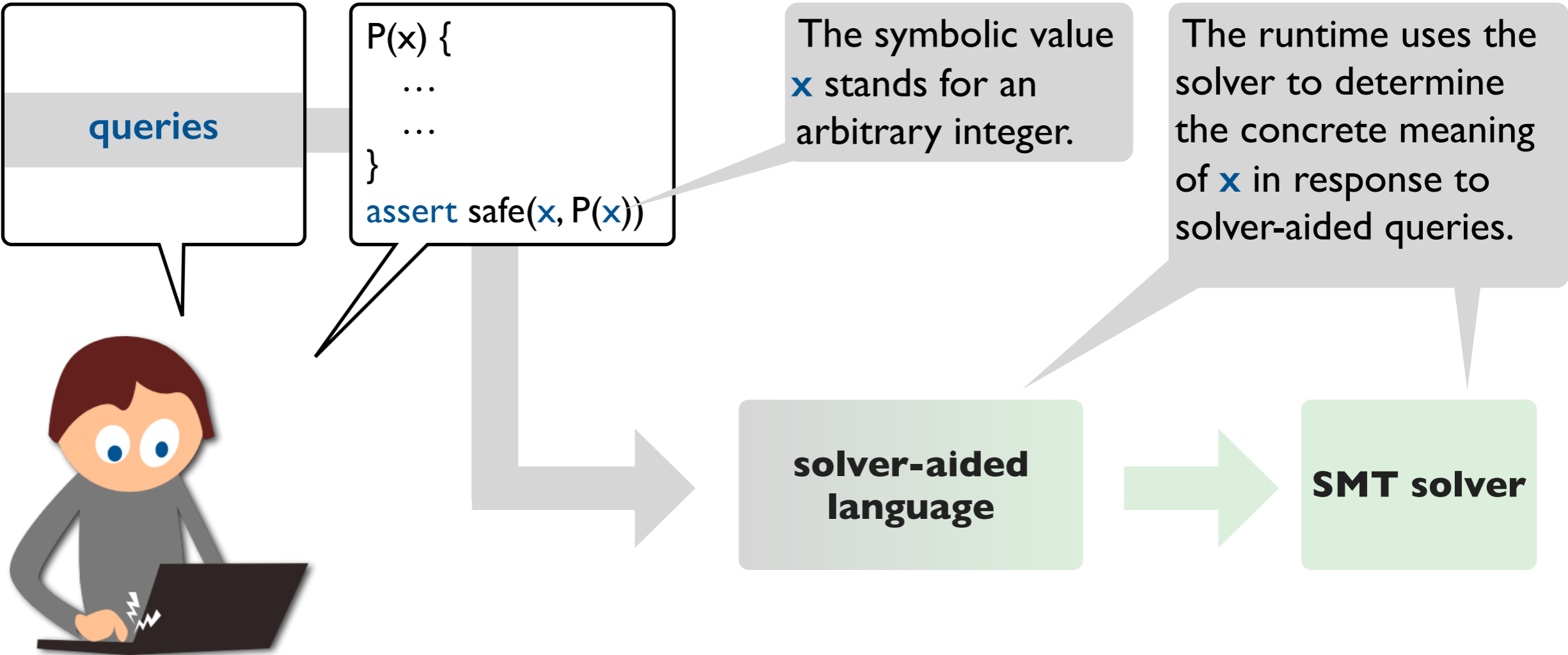
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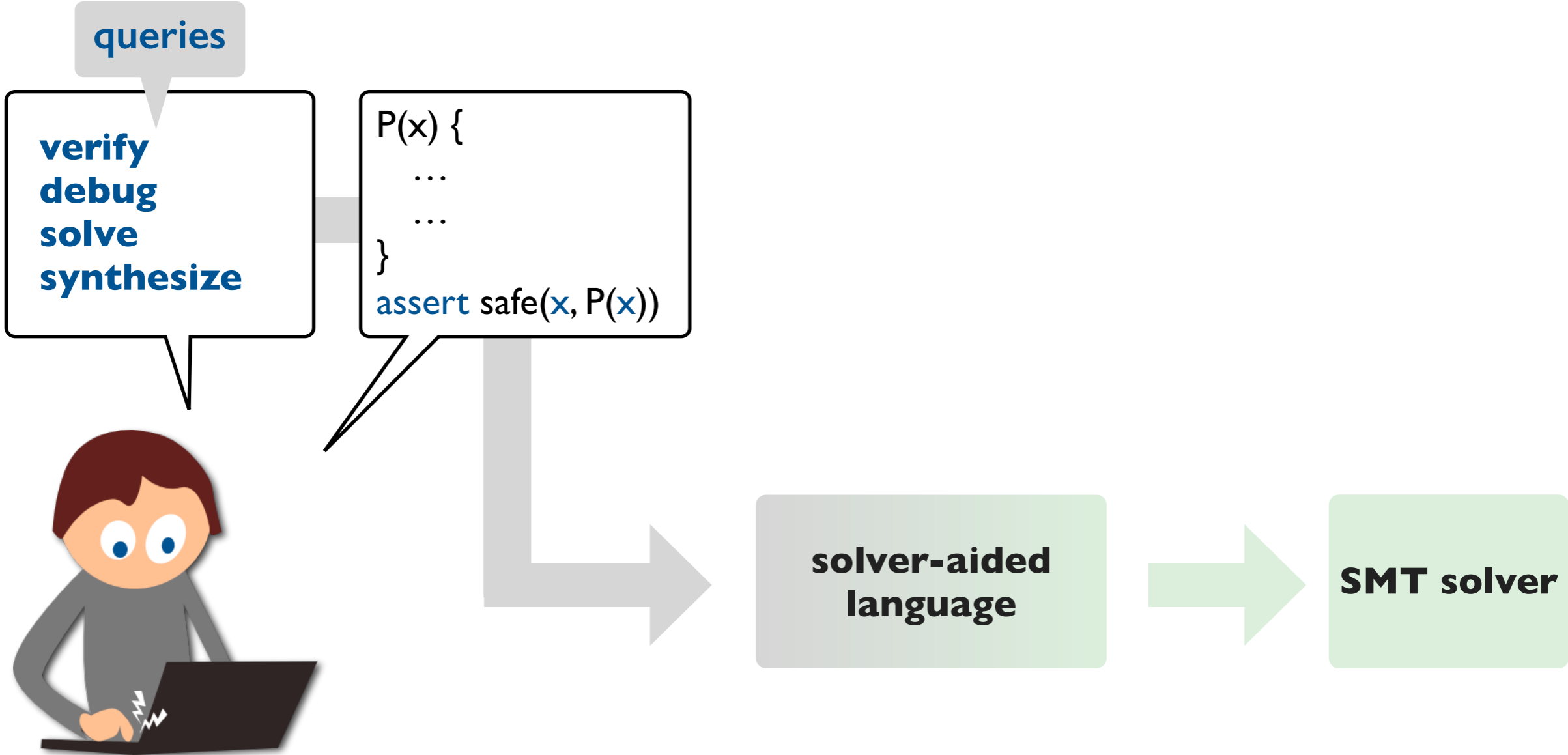
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x stands for an
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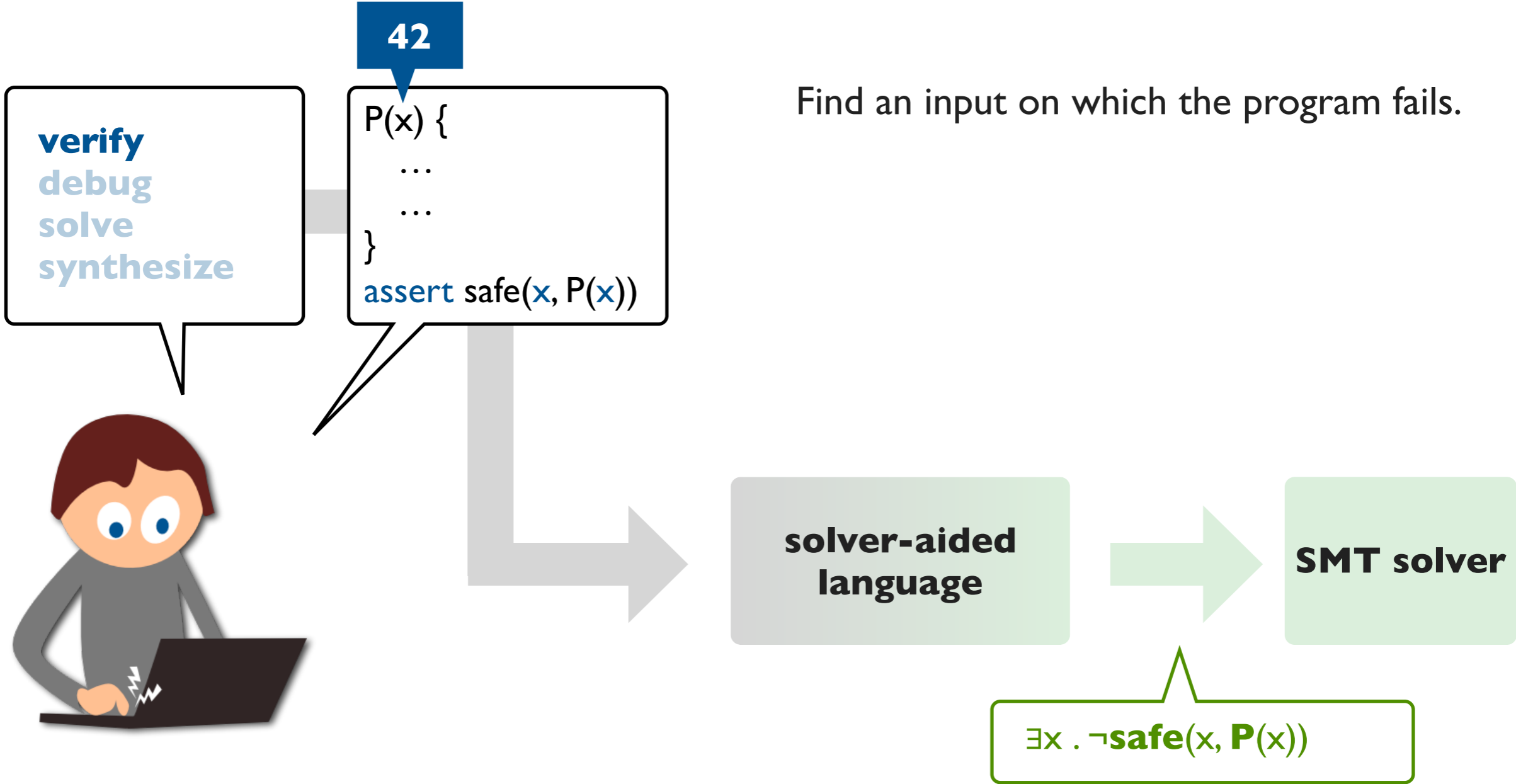
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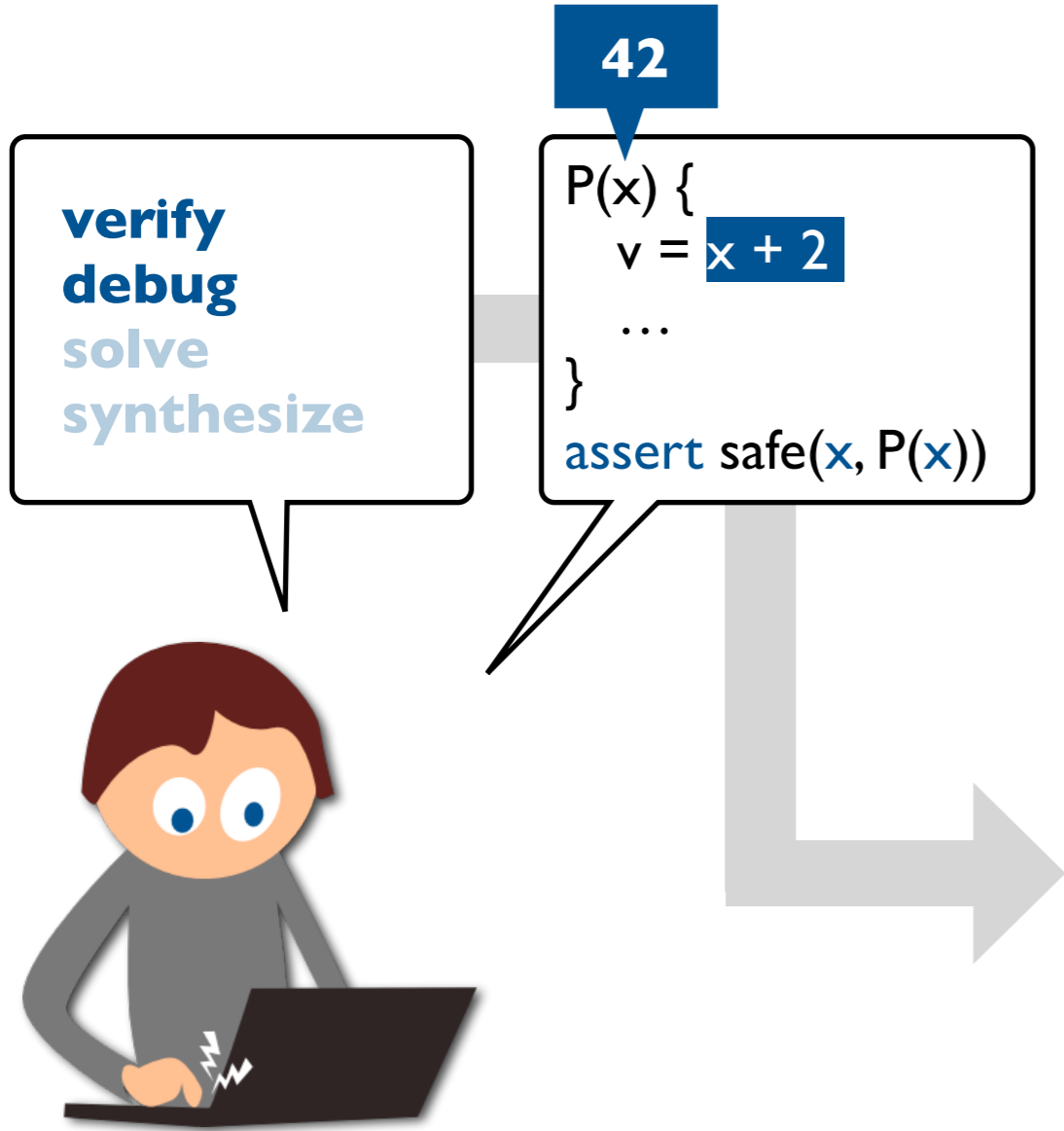
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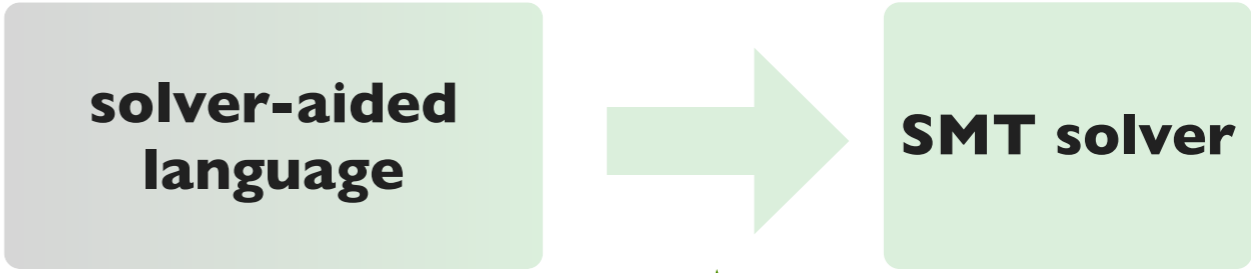
Solver-aided programming: *verify* code against spec



Solver-aided programming: *debug code against spec*

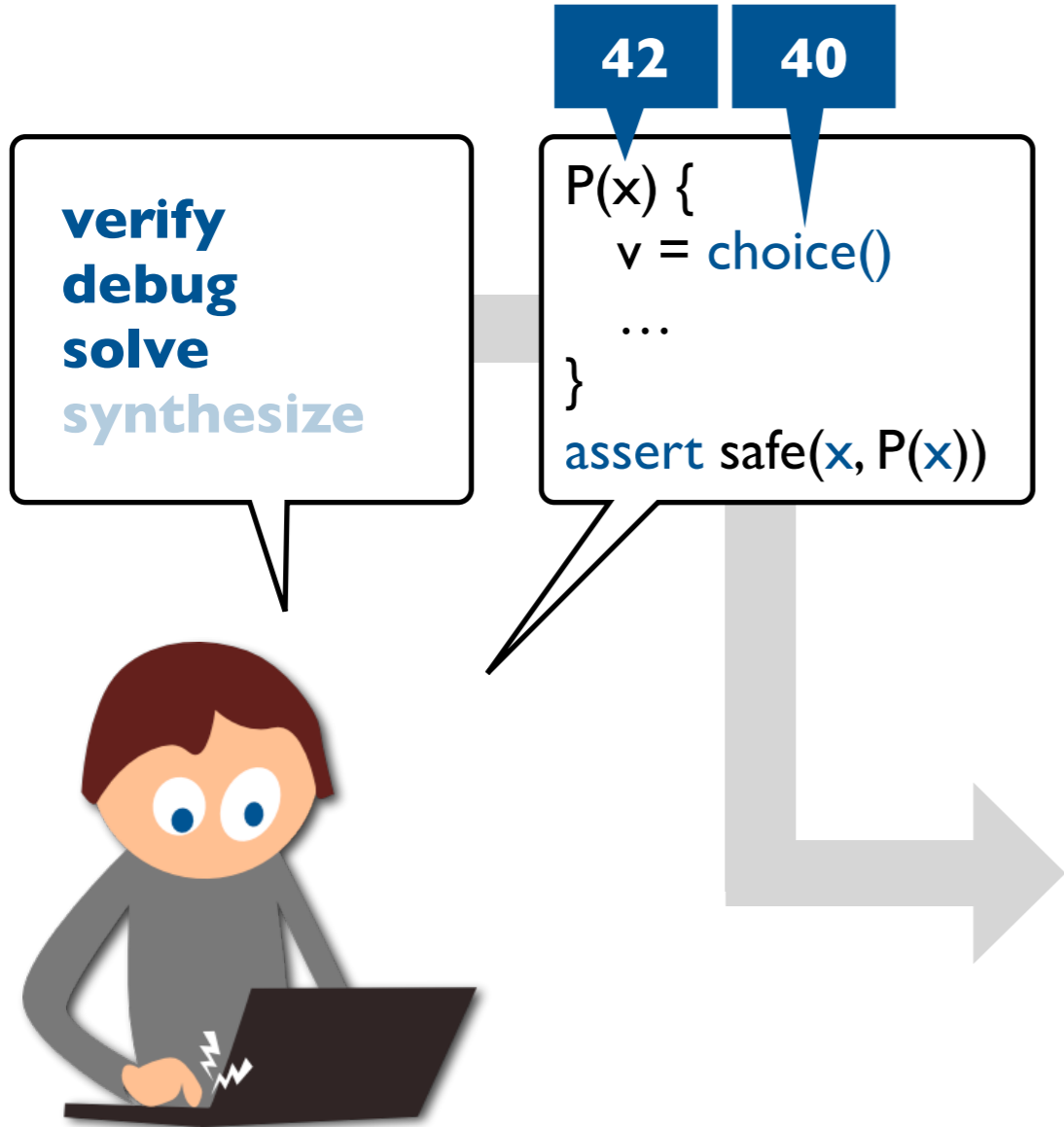


Find an input on which the program fails.
Localize bad parts of the program.



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Solver-aided programming: solve for values from spec

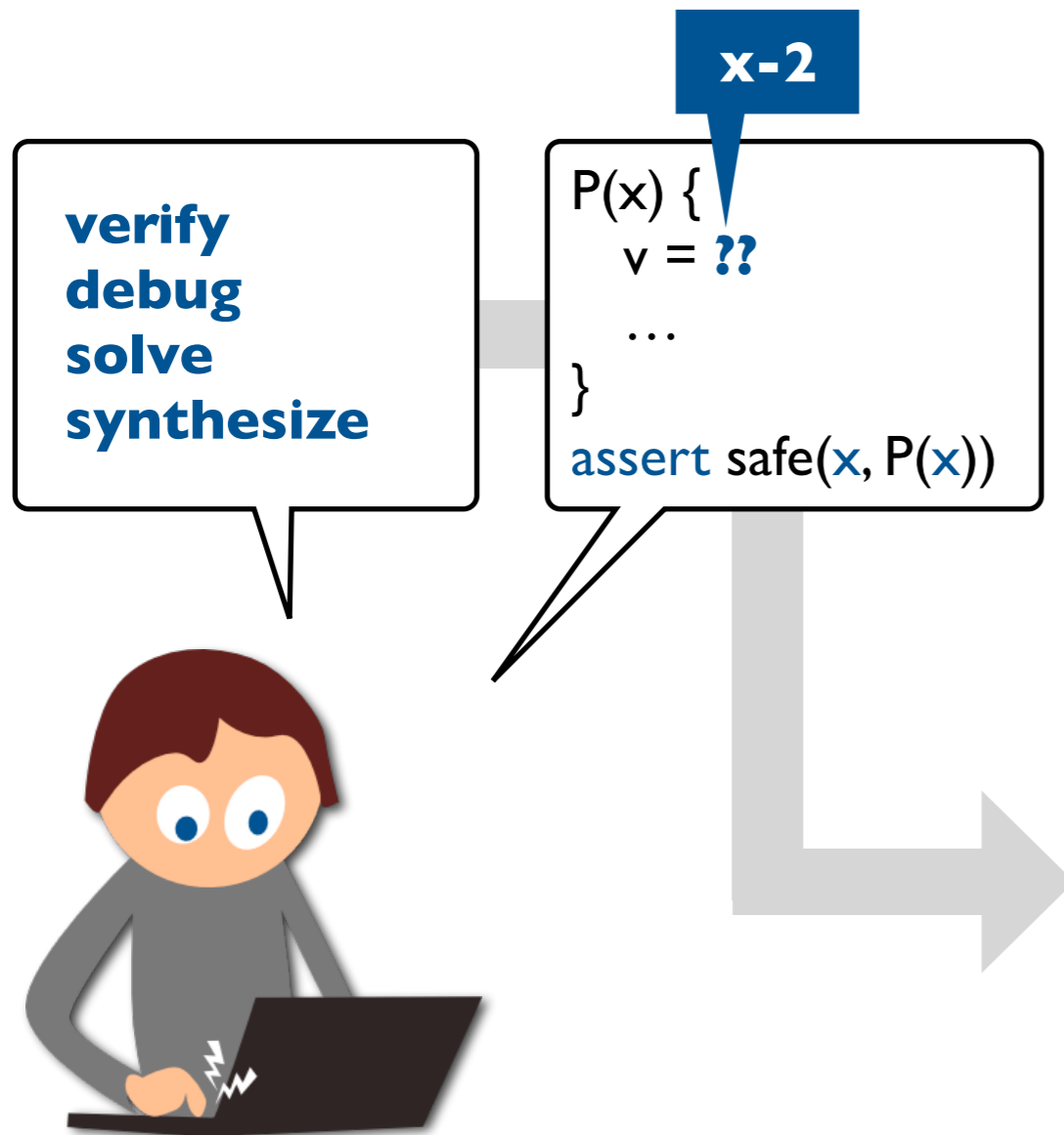


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Solver-aided programming: *synthesize code from spec*

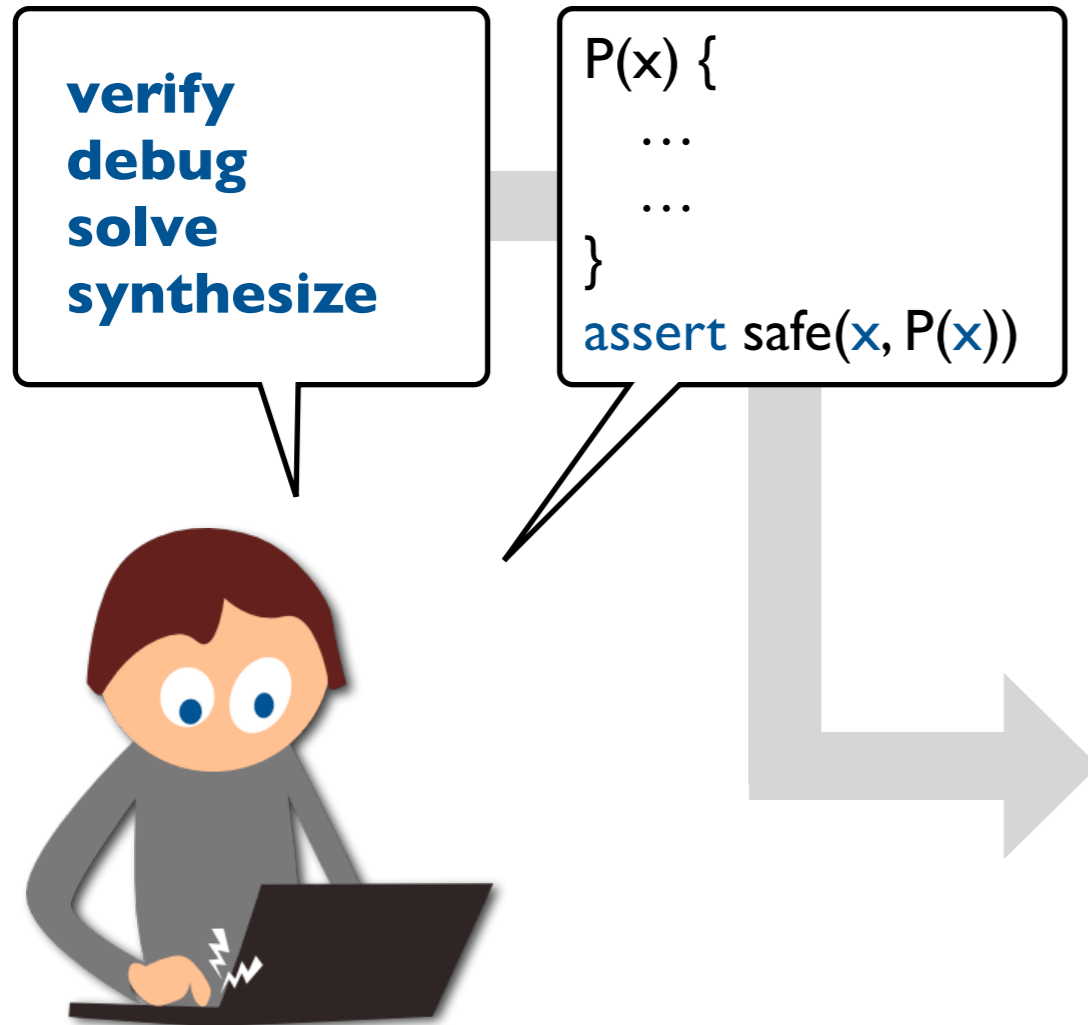


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Find code that repairs the program.



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Solver-aided programming: workflow



Use **assertions** and **symbolic values** to express the specification.

Ask **queries** about program behavior (on arbitrary inputs) with respect to the specification.



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Rosette extends Racket with solver-aided constructs



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```

**symbolic
values**

```
(assert expr)
```

assertions

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(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

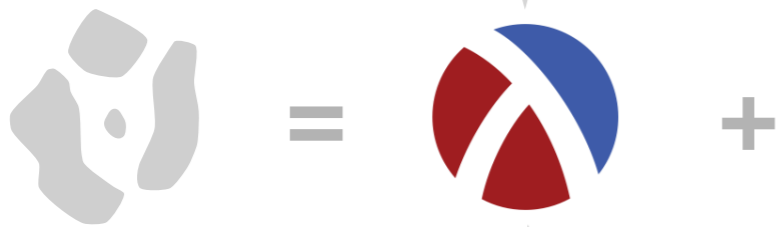
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```
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queries

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“A programming language
for creating new
programming languages”



A modern descendent of
Scheme and Lisp with
powerful macro-based meta
programming.

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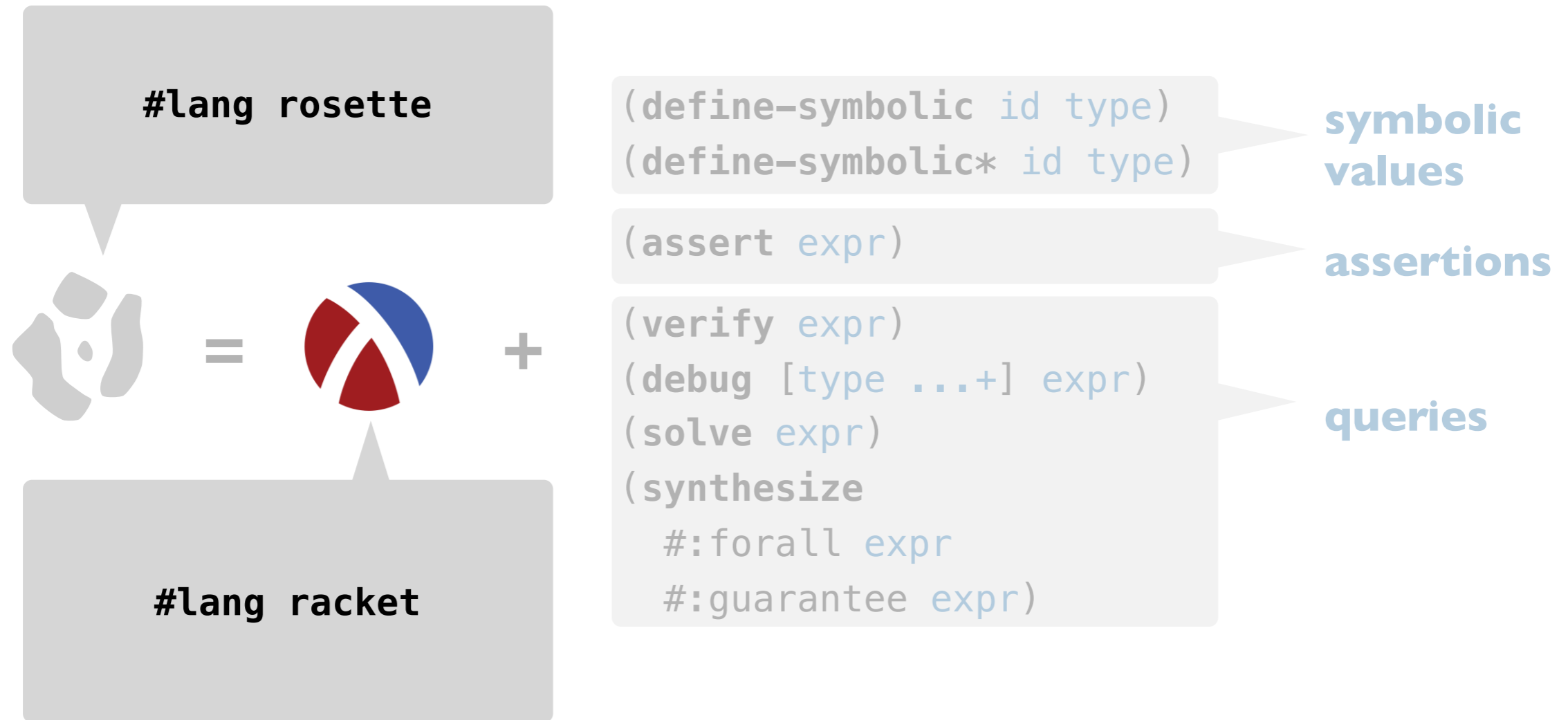
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```
> (define-symbolic x integer?)
```


Rosette constructs: define-symbolic

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`define-symbolic` creates a fresh symbolic *constant* of the given `type` and binds it to the variable `id`.

```
> (define-symbolic x integer?)
```

```
> (+ 1 x 2 3)
```

```
(+ 6 x)
```

Symbolic values of a given type can be used just like concrete values of that type.

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define-symbolic creates a fresh symbolic *constant* of the given **type** and binds it to the variable **id**.

```
> (define (same-x)
      (define-symbolic x integer?)
    x)
```

```
> (same-x)
```

```
x
```

```
> (same-x)
```

```
x
```

```
> (eq? (same-x) (same-x))
```

```
#t
```

id is bound to the *same* constant every time **define-symbolic** is evaluated.

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Rosette constructs: `define-symbolic*`

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```

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```

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(verify expr)
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 #:guarantee expr)
```

`define-symbolic*` creates a fresh symbolic *constant* of the given `type` and binds it to the variable `id`.

```
> (define (new-x)
      (define-symbolic* x integer?)
    x)
> (new-x)
x$0
> (new-x)
x$1
> (eq? (new-x) (new-x))
(= x$2 x$3)
```

`id` is bound to a *different* constant every time `define-symbolic*` is evaluated.

Symbolic values of a given type can be used just like concrete values of that type.

Rosette constructs: creating complex symbolic values

```
(define-symbolic id type)  
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)  
(debug [type ...+] expr)  
(solve expr)  
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  #:guarantee expr)
```

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```
> (define-symbolic* xs integer? [4])  
> xs  
(list xs$0 xs$1 xs$2 xs$3)
```

A concrete list of 4 symbolic integers; this is just a short-hand for evaluating `define-symbolic*` 4 times and collecting the results into a list.

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```
> (define-symbolic* xs integer? [4])
> xs
(list xs$0 xs$1 xs$2 xs$3)
> (define-symbolic* len integer?)
> (take xs len)
{[(= 0 len$0) ()]
 [(= 1 len$0) (xs$0)]
 [(= 2 len$0) (xs$0 xs$1)]
 [(= 3 len$0) (xs$0 xs$1 xs$2)]
 [(= 4 len$0) (xs$0 xs$1 xs$2 xs$3)]}
```

A symbolic list of length up to 4, consisting of symbolic integers.

Rosette constructs: assert

```
(define-symbolic id type)  
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)  
(debug [type ...+] expr)  
(solve expr)  
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```

assert checks that `expr` evaluates to a true value.

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> (assert (>= 2 1)) ; passes  
> (assert (< 2 1)) ; fails  
assert: failed
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> (assert (>= x 1))  
> (asserts)  
(list (<= 1 x$0) ...)
```

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Rosette constructs: from assert to verify

Do poly and fact produce the same output on all inputs?

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(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
(debug [type ...+] expr)
(solve expr)
(synthesize
 #:forall expr
 #:guarantee expr)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))

(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))

(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))

; some tests ...
> (same poly fact 0) ; pass
> (same poly fact -1) ; pass
> (same poly fact -2) ; pass
```

Rosette constructs: verify

verify searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes at least one assertion in `expr` to fail.

```
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```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Do `poly` and `fact` produce the same output on all inputs?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
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```

```
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(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

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```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
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```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic i integer?)
```

```
> (verify (same poly fact i))
```

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```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

No! The solver finds a concrete *counterexample* to the assertion in `same`.

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```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic i integer?)
```

```
> (verify (same poly fact i))
```

```
(model [i -6])
```

Rosette constructs: verify

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```
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```
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(verify expr)
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```
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```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

We can store bindings in variables and evaluate arbitrary expressions against them.

Do `poly` and `fact` produce the same output on all inputs?

```
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  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic i integer?)
```

```
> (define cex
```

```
  (verify (same poly fact i)))
```

```
> (evaluate i cex)
```

```
-6
```

Rosette constructs: verify

`verify` searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes at least one assertion in `expr` to fail.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

The assertions encountered while evaluating `expr` are removed from the asserts store once a query (such as `verify`) completes.

Do `poly` and `fact` produce the same output on all inputs?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic i integer?)
```

```
> (define cex
```

```
  (verify (same poly fact i)))
```

```
> (asserts)
```

```
(list)
```


Rosette constructs: from verify to debug

Why do poly and fact output different values on the input -6?

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

Rosette constructs: from verify to debug

`debug` searches for a minimal set of expressions of the given `types` that cause the evaluation of `expr` to fail.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Why do `poly` and `fact` output different values on the input `-6`?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

Rosette constructs: debug

`debug` searches for a minimal set of expressions of the given `types` that cause the evaluation of `expr` to fail.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

To use `debug`, require the debugging libraries, mark `fact` as the candidate for debugging, save the module to a file, and issue a `debug` query.

Why do `poly` and `fact` output different values on the input `-6`?

```
(require rosette/query/debug
         rosette/lib/render)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define/debug (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (render ; visualize the result
   (debug [integer?]
          (same poly fact -6)))
```

Rosette constructs: debug

`debug` searches for a minimal set of expressions of the given `types` that cause the evaluation of `expr` to fail.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

To use `debug`, require the debugging libraries, mark `fact` as the candidate for debugging, save the module to a file, and issue a `debug` query.

Why do `poly` and `fact` output different values on the input `-6`?

```
(require rosette/query/debug
         rosette/lib/render)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define/debug (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (render ; visualize the result
   (debug [integer?]
          (same poly fact -6)))
```

Rosette constructs: from debug to solve

Can we repair fact on the input -6 as suggested by **debug**?

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

Rosette constructs: from debug to solve

solve searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes all assertions in `expr` to pass.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Can we repair fact on the input -6 as suggested by **debug**?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (* x (+ x 1) (+ x 2) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

Rosette constructs: solve

`solve` searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes all assertions in `expr` to pass.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Can we repair `fact` on the input `-6` as suggested by `debug`?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic* c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (solve (same poly fact -6))
```

Rosette constructs: solve

`solve` searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes all assertions in `expr` to pass.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Yes! The solver finds concrete values for `c1`, `c2`, and `c3` that work for the input `-6`.

Can we repair `fact` on the input `-6` as suggested by `debug`?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic* c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (solve (same poly fact -6))
```

```
(model [c1$0 -66] [c2$0 7] [c3$0 7])
```


Rosette constructs: solve many with `define-symbolic*`

`solve` searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes all assertions in `expr` to pass.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Solving same for multiple inputs: note the behavior of `define-symbolic*`.

Can we repair fact on multiple inputs individually?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic* c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (solve (begin
          (same poly fact -6)
          (same poly fact 12)))
(model [c1$1 -66] [c2$1 7] [c3$1 7]
       [c1$2 2508] [c2$2 -11] [c3$2 -11])
```

Rosette constructs: solve many with define-symbolic

`solve` searches for a binding of symbolic constants to concrete values that causes all assertions in `expr` to pass.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Solving same for multiple inputs: note the behavior of `define-symbolic`.

Can we repair fact on multiple inputs simultaneously?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (solve (begin
          (same poly fact -6)
          (same poly fact 12)))
(model [c1 2] [c2 3] [c3 0])
```

Rosette constructs: from solve to synthesize

Can we repair fact on all inputs as suggested by solve?

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

Rosette constructs: synthesize

synthesize searches for a binding that causes all assertions in **#:guarantee** *expr* to pass for all bindings of the symbolic constants in the **#:forall** *expr*.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Can we repair fact on all inputs as suggested by **solve**?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic* i integer?)
```

```
> (synthesize
```

```
  #:forall i
```

```
  #:guarantee (same poly fact i))
```

Rosette constructs: synthesize

`synthesize` searches for a binding that causes all assertions in `#:guarantee expr` to pass for all bindings of the symbolic constants in the `#:forall expr`.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

Yes! The solver finds concrete values for `c1`, `c2`, and `c3` that work for every input `i`.

Can we repair `fact` on all inputs as suggested by `solve`?

```
(define (poly x)
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
     (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
  (define-symbolic c1 c2 c3 integer?)
  (* (+ x c1) (+ x 1) (+ x c2) (+ x c3)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic* i integer?)
```

```
> (synthesize
```

```
  #:forall i
```

```
  #:guarantee (same poly fact i))
```

```
(model [c1 3] [c2 0] [c3 2])
```

Rosette constructs: synthesize

`synthesize` searches for a binding that causes all assertions in `#:guarantee expr` to pass for all bindings of the symbolic constants in the `#:forall expr`.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
```

```
(debug [type ...+] expr)
```

```
(solve expr)
```

```
(synthesize
```

```
  #:forall expr
```

```
  #:guarantee expr)
```

To generate code, require the sketching library, save the module to a file, and issue a `synthesize` query.

Can we repair fact on all inputs as suggested by `solve`?

```
(require rosette/lib/synthax)
```

```
(define (poly x)
```

```
  (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
```

```
    (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
```

```
  (* (+ x (??)) (+ x 1) (+ x (??)) (+ x (??))))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
```

```
  (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic* i integer?)
```

```
> (print-forms ; print the generated code
```

```
  (synthesize
```

```
    #:forall i
```

```
    #:guarantee (same poly fact i)))
```

Rosette constructs: synthesize

`synthesize` searches for a binding that causes all assertions in `#:guarantee expr` to pass for all bindings of the symbolic constants in the `#:forall expr`.

```
(define-symbolic id type)
(define-symbolic* id type)
```

```
(assert expr)
```

```
(verify expr)
(debug [type ...+] expr)
(solve expr)
(synthesize
 #:forall expr
 #:guarantee expr)
```

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(define (poly x)
 (+ (* x x x x) (* 6 x x x)
 (* 11 x x) (* 6 x)))
```

```
(define (fact x)
 (* (+ x 3) (+ x 1) (+ x 0) (+ x 2)))
```

```
(define (same p f x)
 (assert (= (p x) (f x))))
```

```
> (define-symbolic* i integer?)
> (print-forms ; print the generated code
 (synthesize
 #:forall i
 #:guarantee (same poly fact i)))
```

A programming model that integrates solvers into the language, providing constructs for program verification, synthesis, and more.

Solver-aided programming in two parts: (1) **getting started** and (2) going pro

How to use a solver-aided language: the workflow, constructs, and **gotchas**.

How to build your own solver-aided tool via direct symbolic evaluation or language embedding.

Common pitfalls and gotchas

Reasoning precision
Unbounded loops
Unsafe features



“A gotcha is a valid construct in a system, program or programming language that works as documented but is counter-intuitive and almost invites mistakes because it is both easy to invoke and unexpected or unreasonable in its outcome.”

—*Wikipedia*

Common pitfalls and gotchas: reasoning precision

Reasoning precision

Unbounded loops

Unsafe features

- Determines if integers and reals are approximated using k -bit words or treated as infinite-precision values.
- Controlled by setting `current-bitwidth` to an integer $k > 0$ or `#f` for approximate or precise reasoning, respectively.

Common pitfalls and gotchas: reasoning precision

Reasoning precision

Unbounded loops

Unsafe features

```
; default current-bitwidth is #f  
> (define-symbolic x integer?)  
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

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```
; default current-bitwidth is #f  
> (define-symbolic x integer?)  
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))  
(model [x 64])
```

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- Controlled by setting current-bitwidth to an integer $k > 0$ or #f for approximate or precise reasoning, respectively.

```
; default current-bitwidth is #f  
> (define-symbolic x integer?)  
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))  
(model [x 64])  
> (verify (assert (not (= x 64))))
```

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```
; default current-bitwidth is #f
```

```
> (define-symbolic x integer?)
```

```
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

```
> (verify (assert (not (= x 64))))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

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```
; default current-bitwidth is #f
```

```
> (define-symbolic x integer?)
```

```
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

```
> (verify (assert (not (= x 64))))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

```
> (current-bitwidth 5)
```

```
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

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- Determines if integers and reals are approximated using k-bit words or treated as infinite-precision values.
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```
; default current-bitwidth is #f
```

```
> (define-symbolic x integer?)
```

```
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

```
> (verify (assert (not (= x 64))))
```

```
(model [x 64])
```

```
> (current-bitwidth 5)
```

```
> (solve (assert (= x 64)))
```

```
(model [x 0])
```

```
> (verify (assert (not (= x 64))))
```

```
(model [x 0])
```


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Reasoning precision

Unbounded loops

Unsafe features

- Loops and recursion must be *bounded* (aka *self-finitizing*) by
 - concrete termination conditions, or
 - upper bounds on size of iterated (symbolic) data structures.
- Unbounded loops and recursion run forever.

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```
(define (search x xs)
  (cond
    [(null? xs) #f]
    [(equal? x (car xs)) #t]
    [else (search x (cdr xs))]))

> (define-symbolic xs integer? [5])
> (define-symbolic xl i integer?)
> (define ys (take xs xl))
> (verify
  (when (<= 0 i (- xl 1))
    (assert (search (list-ref ys i) ys))))
```

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(define (search x xs)
  (cond
    [(null? xs) #f]
    [(equal? x (car xs)) #t]
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> (define-symbolic xs integer? [5])
> (define-symbolic xl i integer?)
> (define ys (take xs xl))
> (verify
  (when (<= 0 i (- xl 1))
    (assert (search (list-ref ys i) ys))))
(unsat)
```

Terminates because search iterates over a bounded structure.

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```
(define (factorial n)
  (cond
    [(= n 0) 1]
    [else (* n (factorial (- n 1)))]))
```

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- Unbounded loops and recursion run forever.

```
(define (factorial n)
  (cond
    [(= n 0) 1]
    [else (* n (factorial (- n 1)))]))
```

```
> (define-symbolic k integer?)
> (solve
  (assert (> (factorial k) 10)))
```

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```
(define (factorial n)
  (cond
    [(= n 0) 1]
    [else (* n (factorial (- n 1)))]))
```

```
> (define-symbolic k integer?)
> (solve
  (assert (> (factorial k) 10)))
```

Unbounded because factorial termination depends on k.

Common pitfalls and gotchas: unbounded loops

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 - concrete termination conditions, or
 - upper bounds on size of iterated (symbolic) data structures.
- Unbounded loops and recursion run forever.

Bound the recursion with a concrete guard.

```
(define (factorial n g)
  (assert (>= g 0))
  (cond
    [(= n 0) 1]
    [else (* n (factorial (- n 1) (- g 1)))]))
```

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ROSETTE

emina.github.io/rosette/

Solver-aided programming in two parts:
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Today

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